(b) whether Government are aware that people of Hadaouti and Divisional Workers Unions are demanding to merge the Kota Division with Western Railway; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to merge Kota Division with Western Railway and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) The Kota Division has been placed under West Central Railway keeping in view the operational/administrative convenience without any regional considerations.

(b) Yes, Sir. Representations have been received on the subject from various VIPs.

(c) No, Sir. A specific division is placed under a specific Zone keeping in view the operational/administrative requirements. The proposal has not been found feasible based on this criterion.

Toilet facilities at New Delhi Station

2986. SHRI E.M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that toilet facilities are not available in all the platforms at New Delhi Railway Station;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey in this regard; and

(d) if so, the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) to (d) Railway is aware regarding inadequate toilet facilities at platforms of New Delhi railway station. Railway is making best efforts to provide minimum one block of toilet/urinal facility at Island platforms for the convenience of the passengers. Sufficient nos. of toilets/ urinals are available at platform no. 1 and 12 where the maximum nos. of passengers use the facility. Also the facility of toilet/urinal is available in all existing waiting rooms at platform No. 1 and 12. Construction of five nos. toilet/urinals (one at each Island platform) on BOT basis has been taken up and is targeted for completion by September, 2006.